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Senga warns of more coup attempts by Left, Right, rebels

By Don Pizzigone
EXERCISE MORE COUP ATTEMPTS AGAINST PRESIDENT AND VICEPRESIDENT
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Palace to regulate all gov't ad budgets

By Gil C. Cabanogian Jr. and TJ Beronio

NEWLY CREATED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP under the Office of the President will consolidate the media relations and advertising budget of all government agencies, including state-owned corporations, banks, and government-owned enterprises (GOECs), in close consultation with the head of these entities, President Macapagal-Arroyo said in Executive Order No. 351, which she signed on March 5.

The Communications Group shall be chaired by Press Secretary Ignacio Bernaldo, with Gen. Bernaldo, the government media chief, and Contracts Liaison, Assistant General of the Philippine Information Agency, as members.

He Arroyo said there was "a need for a body to guide, integrate and supervise the operation of these entities, with respect to their public information activities."

Garci passport faked, says BSP

'Central bank finding shows conspiracy'

By Michael Lim-Ubac

FORMER ELECTION COMMISSIONER Virgilio Garcilaso to a joint House inquiry is "fake," belying his claim that he did not leave the country at the height of the "Hello Garci" poll fraud scandal last year, the former leader of the probe said yesterday.

"It's false, it's false I told you," Chief Rep. Gilbert Serrilla said. He expressed the hope that

Serrilla said he felt "betrayed," saying the BSP findings "strongly indicate a conspiracy to cover up the alleged election fraud in 2004."

A resolution passed yesterday by the Senate General ng Pilipinas, through BSP Deputy Governor Antonio Sison, in the first session, which requested the resignation of the two passport officers.



AT LAST After five years, former President Estrada takes the witness stand to tell his side of the story, which he hopes will vindicate him. As he testified, riot police kept hundreds of his supporters away from the Sandiganbayan. Already, they proclaim their ideal "net gully."

HAGEDORN OUT

All systems go for gov't STL to kill illegal game

By Gil C. Cabanogian Jr. and Norman Bendoric

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR THE Small Town Lottery (STL) project.

But the all-outgoing chief Mayor Edward Hagedorn of Puerto Princesa is no longer on top of it.

Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor and Interior Secretary Rosendo Pua Jr. yesterday gave the green light to a one-year trial run for STL being organized by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) as an alternative to the illegal numbers game "jueteng."

"It is clear that we should not have any illegal operations while the STL is in operation. Secondary Pua has stated all illegal operations will be arrested," said Defensor.

Mayor Hagedorn is not involved in the STL because his role is specifically an anti-jueteng czar (The STL is just a private by the League of Mayors), he said.

But Hagedorn announced on March 27 that he was organizing a team to monitor STL.



THE FIRST FEMALE US EMPLOY TO THE PHILIPPINES. Ambassador Kristin Narveson presents her credentials to President Arroyo on Wednesday. Ms. Arroyo says that Narveson, who arrived here on March 17, will lead the trade talks to Mindanao as soon as possible. Her last posting was in Ecuador. (Story on Page A1) (A1/4/06)

Erap: All lies; I was convicted in streets

By Nelson F. Flores

JOSEPH ESTRADA looked every inch the President that he was before he was ousted five years ago in his first appearance in his trial yesterday, denying as "a pack of lies" accusations he raised the national treasury.

For the show of his life, the so-called political scoundrel, the trappings of his office—the trademark presidential seal on his white shirt and a Philippine flag lapel pin on his "barong."

"That's a pack of lies," he said. For context asked for confirmation.

Ping: Erap knew money for Muslim youth project came from 'jueteng'?

By Philip C. Tubana

FORMER PRESIDENT Joseph Estrada knew that the money going to his pin project to educate Muslim youths and send some of them to Harvard came from jueteng—the illegal numbers game, said his former police chief.

Sen. Purisima Torres said Estrada wanted to bring peace to war-torn Mindanao by helping young people get an excellent education, even helping them go abroad.

Mt. Bulusan watch

AFTER 11 YEARS, Bulusan volcano showed signs of explosive activity it opened up to a 1.5 km high ash column on Tuesday night.

Source: Department of Science and Technology

Bulusan volcano spews ash

By Bobby Q. Lohman
PHILIPPINE SOUTHERN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND BLENCH S. RIVERA in Manila

BUENAVISTA CITY—AFTER being quiet for 11 years, Mount Bulusan in Sorsogon erupted last Tuesday night, spewing ash clouds as high as 1.5 km into the sky and prompting government warnings to residents not to go near the volcano.

The Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) reported a massive eruption from the summit of the 1,554-meter volcano at 10:58 p.m. on Tuesday. It lasted 20 minutes.

Erap and Chavit: Bosom buddies, mortal enemies

By Vol Centers

AFTER MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, Joseph Estrada and Chavit Sison, who were once bosom buddies, are now mortal enemies.

The second—Gen. Lito "Chavit" Sison of Bataan—dipped early into the small, tightly packed cottages, and seated himself on the left side of the front row.

Yesterday was the first time the two men—once said to be bosom buddies—found themselves in the same room since Sison accused Estrada of receiving illegal funds.

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Abu jail shootout overkill - CHR

LP council reaffirms Atienza election; it's rump, says Drilon

By Marjorie C. Ortiz and TJ Euprosio

THE NATIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE (NDCP), the governing body of the Liberal Party (LP), yesterday reaffirmed the election of Atienza Mayor Lito Atienza as the 14th president during the party's national convention held at the Manila Hotel last March 2 which led to the ouster of Sen. Franklin Drilon as party president.

In a meeting in the Century Park Theater Hotel, members of the NDCP moved to resolve the dispute by electing Atienza as party president.

Drilon's faction, however, branded NDCP's meeting called by Atienza group as "rump."

In a statement, Atienza's Rep. Herminio Atienza, LP's secretary general, said Atienza failed to secure a majority of the 138 NDCP members, granting only that only a handful showed up for the meeting.

He said that only 26 of the 138 NDCP members, when Atienza's group claimed attended the meeting, were legitimate members. Only four of the 22 governors, 12 of the 10 congressional districts and 10 of the 10 provinces that with the party attended the meeting, he added.

"The small attendance at the Atienza/NDCP does not constitute a legitimate meeting," he said.

Drilon's faction said that Atienza

was consisting of the NDCP was illegal, arguing that only he, as party president, could do this.

"We hope the NDCP decision will settle the issue once and for all or we could move on," Drilon said in a statement.

After the meeting, Atienza said the party was willing to open the door of reconciliation to Drilon's faction which includes Sen. Manuel Romo II, the governor of Zamboanga del Norte and Atienza's brother and first president of LP.

He urged parties to join the NDCP to resolve the issue.

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The members' president, Manuel Romo, the first president of the Third Philippine Republic,

founded the LP on Jan. 18, 1946.

"Due to the administration's breaking up of the country's citizens and more important public parties in the middle of a battle for our own freedom, and for this to do with the support of American Military Government and other allies of the President, I believe that the LP should be dissolved," he said.

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By Norman Bordadora

MEMBERS OF A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE assault team have been liable for the summary execution of Abu Sayyaf suspects detained at the Manila Manila District Jail at Camp Raging Doves in Marikina, according to a report by the Commission on Human Rights on its investigation of the March 2005 siege at the jail.

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By fighting alone from off-site, inside a 20-hour standoff that started on March 21 when some of the Abu Sayyaf inmates, equipped with guns, taking their guns and shooting those of them.

The CHR report and the issuance of the PGR order to the assault troops of the law enforcement units who killed a group of the detainees in the case may constitute a violation of the human rights of the detainees.

Probe welcomed

Philippine Secretary of Justice, who was immediate secretary and who headed the anti-terrorism unit during the jail siege, said he welcomed the CHR report and the issuance of the PGR order to the assault troops of the law enforcement units who killed a group of the detainees in the case may constitute a violation of the human rights of the detainees.

choice to shoot immediately. It was not clear if I did say they should not shoot and prevent us from being killed," he said.

Sources said the killing of suspected Abu Sayyaf inmates at human rights violations at Marikina District Jail and his co-companions in the attempted escape may have been justified as they were killed in an encounter.

Summary conviction

The House of the other Abu Sayyaf suspects - including Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr. - was also killed in the Marikina District Jail. Sources said the killing of the suspects in the attempted escape may have been justified as they were killed in an encounter.

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New US envoy reports to GMA

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Oil firms cut gasoline prices but jack up those of diesel, kerosene

RESPONDING TO INTERNATIONAL oil prices, all five privately owned gasoline prices by 10 centimes a liter, but jacked up diesel and kerosene prices by 10 centimes.

Petroleum Corp. (Shawit Philippines Inc.), Total (Philippines) Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp., Flying V and Island Petroleum Corp. all slashed prices of their gasoline products at different

times yesterday. Flying V's price hike reflects its planning to adjust prices at 12:01 a.m., Admarco Shell and Scania 4 a.m., Chevron 7 a.m., Total at 9 a.m. and Gasmas at 12 noon.

Prices did not specify a time for its rollback, saying only that it had adjusted its dealers to new prices year-to-date morning. While gasoline prices will adjust the 10 centime mark this month, the

prices of diesel and kerosene in the regional market shot up, prompting all four of them, except Chevron, to hike diesel and kerosene pump prices. As with the gasoline price reduction, Flying V was also the first

to adjust diesel and kerosene prices at 12:01 a.m., followed by Shell at 4 a.m. and Gasmas at 12 noon. Chevron, Total and Scania jacked up prices of diesel and kerosene at 12:01 a.m. today.



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PCGG dragging its feet on coco levy, farmers say

By Abrian Puga

MILITANT PEASANT GROUPS accused the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) of dragging its feet in devaluing the government's share in the coconut levy funds and ultimately the interests of the coconut growers.

They strongly opposed a petition by commercial businesses, including "Shandong" Cotabato, asking the Sandiganbayan to devalue the share in food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. that were bought with the levy funds.

The PCGG yesterday said it would file with the court a con-

trast on the Cotabato petition, which the Sandiganbayan will grant since law on the levies today.

But according to Willy Marbillo, the internal deputy secretary general of the Kilangang Manggagawang Pilipino (KMP), when the PCGG should do it to immediately file an opposition to Cotabato's petition it is really serious about devaluing the interests of the coconut farmers.

"The PCGG has already devalued the ones levy funds to Shandong. They should have been diligent and be proactive, not reactive," said Marbillo.

Marbillo believes that the "master plan" of the PCGG after all was really to close for a con-

sumer agreement for the ones levy funds now estimated to amount to P20 billion.

"All their efforts seem to indicate they are probably pulling a consumer deal. That's their third right move and they would succeed on both so perpetuate a consumer agreement," he said.

PCGG chair Gerardo Sison yesterday said the PCGG commissioners had already heard of Cotabato's petition and were planning to study their consumer policy before the anti-graft court.

"The Office of the Solicitor General will have a statement for us in the Sandiganbayan on our side on March 23 when they appear for the hearing," Sison said.

San Miguel's executives are patient saying they did not want to litigate their position in the Cotabato court.

"We're here because we're not a good one and was included again with some 'dough'," Sison said.

In the petition filed last Thursday, Cotabato, who claims San Miguel, asked for permission to sell 75.5 million San Miguel shares currently in equity of 100 million worth of loan-convertible to secured by 14 so-called "loan-levy funds" expenditures in the Cotabato Commercial Bank and the Bank of Commerce.

The 75.5 million shares that Cotabato is preparing to sell was

prior 13.31 percent of the 24 percent block of San Miguel shares whose ownership is still under dispute. Although the Sandiganbayan allowed Cotabato to own the shares, he is not allowed to sell them while their ownership has not been settled.

The 20 percent block of the 41 percent block of San Miguel shares that the government acquired in 1986 on the ground that they were bought with coconut levy funds. The levy was a fund set collected between 1972 and 1985 through a decree issued by the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

The government claims that Cotabato, who was administrator of the levy fund with his associates

used the levy funds to buy shares in San Miguel, the United Coconut Planters Bank, and various coconut trading firms, coconut oil mills and export firms.

These acquired assets were not placed in the name of the Philippine Coconut Authority but under 14 holding companies under the Coconut Industry Investment Fund owned by an old ally. These assets were held by the CIPF, the CIPF administration.

The Supreme Court in 2001 ruled that the coconut levy funds were private funds, public funds. The Sandiganbayan in 2003 declared the levy funds were considered public funds held by government in trust for the coconut farmers.

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Palace seeks middle ground on Cha-cha impasse

MALABANG CEN DIED FROM the issue and the issue would be able to come up with a "principled middle ground" in settling their differences on the Charter change initiative.

Presidential Secretary Erap underscored the need for the country "to reach out to potential political partners."

"It is a pity that the control and wisdom of the nation is being torn both by the continuing impasse in the House and the Lower House on the issue of Charter change," Erap said in a statement.

The House leadership is currently leading efforts to get the signatures of 100 lawmakers that would allow Congress to amend the 1987 Constitution through a constituent assembly of Congress. The senators, who have an elected constitutional con-

vention to amend the Constitution, have come up with their own resolution stating that they should now proceed on the Charter change bill.

"We need to move forward and Charter change remains the key to ensuring national stability and prosperity," the presidential spokesperson also said.

With the impasse, two groups dominating Charter change will be the only option left to the people's initiative to effect constitutional reforms that would settle the political standoff.

The urban group House and the labor group Senate groups, in a joint statement, said that given the refusal of the Senate "to listen to the overwhelming clamor of the Filipino majority for sweeping change, the people should now take it upon them-

selves to initiate the constitutional reform — in the people's initiative route — that are needed to ensure lasting political stability and rapid growth with social equity."

"We should not allow the failure of Congress to do its job to be for our pain of initiating justice reforms via Charter change," said former labor, national president of Union Bank.

"The issue should not remain on the sidelines while our nation continues to hold out many economic and social benefits in their achieving political stability and political substance," Tabat added.

House Speaker is one of 49 retired groups and people's organizations nationwide representing the urban poor, women, labor, overseas Filipino workers, the

poor, women, labor, Muslim and interfaith groups, farmers and indigenous peoples' organizations.

Miguel Manita, national president of Kamaong, noted that these groups are frustrated over the economic and social legislative gridlock manifested more so in this year's Senate passage of a resolution calling for constitutional assembly option, and the senators' view to "bypass" a House-planned constituent Charter change.

As this developed, Tabat's lead executives have pledged to be at the forefront of the campaign to mobilize support for Charter change in the Senate with the signing of the "Stale Constitution" backing constitutional amendment on the shift to a parliamentary system and liberalization of

our "protectionist" economy that has stymied growth.

Bako City Mayor Jolly Tamas, head of the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), said that the Bako Declaration took note of the urgency of carrying out constitutional reforms to address the "enduring political stalemate of various camps to bring down government through violence and unconstitutional means."

"The time to act is now. The senators' refusal to pass the proposed and political initiative," said the declaration, which was signed by more than 1,000 Bako leaders during an all-day forum at the Grand Philippine University.

The League of Cities is a member group of the 17 million-strong United Nations Association

of the Philippines (UNA-Phil) that is involved in a campaign along with Charter Change Advocacy Commission (CCAC) to inform the people how Charter change would benefit them, and how the national Association could help correct the systemic defects in the country's political and economic structures that have prevented them from rising the level of a reformed nation.

Alvin C. Luna, national president of the INCOR-NGO representing the transport sector, said that the constituent assembly route is the only way to break the stalemate on the issue. He said that the constituent assembly route is the only way to break the stalemate on the issue. He said that the constituent assembly route is the only way to break the stalemate on the issue.

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Reconciliation with Erap now in Puno's hands, says Defensor

By Christine D. Arellano

INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT Secretary Romulo Puno from now on will open his administration's efforts to reconcile with deposed President Joseph Erap, Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor said yesterday.

Defensor said he had earlier been asked by President Puno to determine the extent of reconciliation with Erap's camp, but, representing a neutral standpoint, the Defensor once used in describing his directorate, he said he has grown weary of "viewing the body in the street."

He said that he told his closest advisers of his decision to head over the task in Puno said he agreed to it.

"What, it's no hard to negotiate... you get exhausted when you do such effort to reconcile and so we want to stop," Defensor said while talking to Puno.

Defensor said he had told Erap in early on his January about his apprehension over the way the government's reconciliation of Erap with his supporters.

Mutual accountability

Puno himself said upon joining the Arroyo's government last last month that he would work for reconciliation with Erap, whom he had also served as interior and local government secretary and had a meeting with the toppled leader to the state of the Feb. 34 proclamation of a state of national emergency.

Defensor said he had discussed the matter with Puno.

"To last be there" will handle it and he is handling it as we are talking now," Defensor said. He added, however, he felt reconciliation with Erap should not be pursued "unless there is mutual accountability."

Puno himself confirmed yesterday that he had taken on the additional function.

"There is nothing formal about it, I was just asked by Mike [Defensor] to take a more active role in reconciliation efforts with Erap and I have no problem with it," Puno said. "I'm also talking to Erap and told him about this."

Puno said he would be more at ease with the job than the much younger Defensor.

"Erap and I are old with each other," Puno said.

It was not clear how Erap's trial on plunder and bribery charges, which is drawing to its conclusion, or charges that he had funded some destabilization moves against Arroyo would affect the prospects of reconciliation. With a report from Herman Borja/Inquirer

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BIR duns Caruncho heirs for P204M

By Armand N. Nicosia and Cynthia G. Balana

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FILED two criminal charges yesterday against the children of former Judge Magno Emilio Caruncho and his wife Isolina for non-payment of P204.8 million in taxes on real estate after property transferred from their deceased parents.

Filed independently in the case filed with the Department of Justice were Emilio Caruncho Jr., Roberto Caruncho Hernandez, Ms. Aurora Caruncho Espinoza, Ms. Victoria and Mr. Emilio Caruncho.

BIR Commissioner Jose Maria Baling said in a press statement that the properties left behind by Emilio and Isolina Caruncho, who died on Oct. 26, 1987 and Dec. 5, 1990, respectively, had been assessed a total of P204,827,007 in estate taxes, capital gains tax and documentary stamp tax, inclusive of interest.

He said letters of authority had been issued against the heirs of the Caruncho couple in 2003 if the taxes had not been paid.

"Complete payment of the estate taxes of the heirs has contacted the BIR to dissolve the letters, much less submit any document to the BIR," Baling said, adding that Emilio and Isolina Caruncho left real and personal properties with assessable value of P11,096,730 and P11,123,326, respectively.

According to Baling, the heirs did not even file the necessary death notices and further investigation showed that the corresponding taxes were not paid.

"As mandated by law, copies of all properties, estate personal, real and tangible, wherever situated of a decedent who is a resident citizen shall be reported and declared to the BIR by the estate administrator or any of the legatees in the case may be and the corresponding estate tax return must be filed," Baling said.

Operation of the 6889 Run After the Estates (RAE) program mandated also that the Caruncho heirs had sold four parcels of land belonging to their parents' estates to the Balmonte Homeowners Inc. without notifying the BIR, according to Baling.

"This conduct is a clear manifestation of the Caruncho children's willful intent to evade payment of estate taxes," Baling said.

He said the discovery of the alleged tax evasion was the result of information furnished by someone who knew about the legal heirs left by the Caruncho couple.

"There are more unreported estate properties out there and we are encouraging the public to furnish the BIR the information it needs," he added.

'Kulturfestival' at Eurocampus

A THREE-DAY CULTURAL FESTIVAL FOR 200 visiting students from German schools in the Asia-Pacific region opens today at the Euro-campus International School (EIS) at the Euro-campus inside the Bataan Living Subdivision in Panatag.

The EIS, the senior educational branch of the German and French Schools in the Philippines, is hosting the Kulturfestival held every two years in different EIS schools in the region.

The festival allows visiting students, as well as those studying in their host country, an opportunity to discover the local culture, expand their horizons and develop their skills through interaction with local arts and sports.

Participating countries include all 16 Philippine provinces have been lined up to showcase Filipino traditions as well as Filipino performers, according to a joint statement from Deutsche Schule Manila (DSM) Headmaster Wolfgang Kollmann and from Française de Manille (FPM) President Monique Thomas.

Activities include Filipino cooking, folk-dance and arts, improvisational singing and dance, cultural dances, indigenous music, bamboo craft, Japanese, Indonesian, Australian, Italian, Jamaican, and Papiamentu.

The highlight of the Kulturfestival is the "grande finale" on January 28. The event includes the full workshop session in the morning, a Philippine arts and crafts fair at the sports field in the afternoon and presentations from the workshops in the evening with dance, recitals and dinner hosted by the German Club, La Culture and the EIS Campus.

The Euro-campus has hosted 19 years ago when Ecole Française de Manille and Euro-campus II School joined Deutsche Schule Manila, the other school in the system.

Indian docs eye jobs in RP but are barred

ABOUT 500 INDIAN DOCTORS HAVE applied to work in the Philippines to ease a chronic shortage but cannot be given jobs, because the Commission on Higher Education doesn't allow them to work legally yesterday.

Despite the Indian doctors were awaiting the government's approval to start with but a provision in the Commission has barred doctors

from working in government hospitals. "I have 500 applications from India but I cannot hire them because our Commission doesn't allow them," he said in a speech in a medical group.

He said the Indian doctors could otherwise have filled the vacant posts at various government hospitals due

to the large number of Filipino medical professionals who work abroad.

Asked how the Indian doctors could be accommodated, Drages said, "We really do not know," he called for a review of the constitutional provision.

The Philippine Medical Association accused the year that the doc-

tor's health system risked complete collapse in a few years due to the large numbers of Filipino nurses and doctors who have found better-paying jobs abroad.

The Commission merely limits the areas where foreigners can find jobs. Foreign doctors are allowed to work here only in very exceptional cases. AFP

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In The News



Antonio Eduardo Martinez

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75 fall in Bulacan shabu market raid

BOCAUE, BULACAN—AT LEAST 75 PEOPLE were arrested in a compound in Barangay Lohibey here on Tuesday, a slum area flanked by police that was recently raided in Pasig City.

Sgt. Rustanman May, police chief here, said agents of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) arrested the suspects while some of them were using shabu. Several detainees hydroplaned inside the slum and some in a zone passed on Boulevard Street.

Others were arrested by police, while others fled and hid in the area.

They said the raid was conducted after a month of surveillance, when the NBI and PDEA (Special Operations Task Force) (SOTF) started the raid.



A 35-year-old man is escorted by NBI agents as he and 74 other drug users and pushers are processed to media after a raid in Bocaue, Bulacan.

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Town loses image as 'marijuana capital'

ROUNDUP
Private thanks donors
SARANGANI CITY—Mayor Simeon L. Baling thanked the donors of the Sarangani Provincial Office (SPO) for the donation of a P100,000 worth of various health products in Sarangani, Davao del Sur. The SPO is a government-owned enterprise that is a subsidiary of the Sarangani Provincial Office.



Shabu (crack cocaine) is shown in various stages of processing in a laboratory.

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Hot lumber seized
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Jail warden asked
SARANGANI CITY—The jail warden of the Sarangani Provincial Office (SPO) was asked to provide information on the Sarangani Provincial Office (SPO). The SPO is a government-owned enterprise that is a subsidiary of the Sarangani Provincial Office.

Samar folk told it's safe to return

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By Ryan S. Guevara
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
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MGB lacks equipment to monitor landslides

By Jon Hernandez Jr.
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SUBIC RAPE CASE

Court rejects bid to defer GIs' trial

By Vanessa Cooper
PCA Central Liaison Board

CHICAGO CITY—A LOCAL COURT HERE yesterday ignored a motion to delay the arraignment of four L.R. Mobsters, accused of rape while the alleged rapists, who are among 100 women demonstrators outside, question the legality of a historic agreement that permits the Philippines to maintain extrajurisdiction control.

Judge Roman-Atkins said the court would have to defer the hearing, which has been set for Friday.

The protest led to a two-page ruling that the Supreme Court had upheld the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Agreement (VRA) in at least two cases. The agreement grants 11 southern states the right to determine the number of federal judges to be seated in their courts.

“I don’t want to marry the man,” *Using only the*
Unmarried Man

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The soldiers, who belong to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Force stationed in Okinawa, Japan, are accused of the sexual abuse of women.

University of Cambridge, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge CB2 3RQ, UK

David Davis, one of the authors of the 22-year-old complaint, said his client planned to file another lawsuit Thursday to defect the assignment. Even if that is rejected, "my client will not be there because we're not going to get a hit bid," Davis said.

Trends in the rates, about 100 communities, indicated that the coast below the 15th parallel increased and decreased faster than any land climate for heating units that change against Illinois, Dugliss and Cooper's new measurement.

The alleged rape victim, her face half covered by a purple scarf, stood silent amidst the jeering protesters in question mark T-shirts.

It was the first time that the women, known by the pseudonym "Nishi," appeared in public since the alleged rape took place in November last year. Organisers of the "Take Back Your Rape" a coalition of 14 women's organisations, will stress expressed to the business that Nishi was not an anti-democratic force.

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Saan Pupulutin Ang Pilipinas Kung Wala Nang Industriya?

Regulate the Exodus of Skills and Talents! Keep the Best and the Brightest at Home!

Oversus employment, the nation's economic lifeline, is turning into its gravedigger.

While the remittances of over 5 million Filipino migrant workers and over 3 million Filipino immigrants directly support the needs of one-fourth of the population, the unchecked and unregulated outflow of skills and talents is threatening to decimate the few but vital industries that we still have. Ironically, the main justification for the 'temporary policy' of manpower export dating back to the Marcos regime is that this is a 'stop-gap' transition measure 'needed' while waiting for the IMF-WB agro-industrial policies to bear fruit. *Sa halip, nagbagsakan isa-isa ang negosyo, saka at trabaho mismo ng ating mga tatlong dekada, at ang manpower export ay nagiging 'permanently temporary'!*

Today, almost everyone is leaving the country — from enterpreneurs and domestic helps, to those with engineering and managerial talents. This is the easy way for the government to generate its target of one million jobs, as unemployment and poverty continue to swell given the continuous erosion of the country's agro-industrial base.

And now, a great national tragedy is shaping up as even the basic industries that we still have are collapsing with the massive foreign poaching of the skilled and professional personnel who keep these industries humming. Even the delivery of basic social services such as health and education is being threatened.

Can our hospitals treat patients without doctors and nurses or can learning take place without teachers? Can our planes fly without pilots, aircraft mechanics and air controllers? Can wireless text messaging and communication happen without radio frequency engineers? Can electricity reach our homes without the linemen? Can ships sail without any guidance from the first mates? Can our steel, petrochemical and other remaining factories operate without any plant engineers?

The depletion of mission-critical skills has never been so severe as it is. In the health sector alone, over 100 hospitals have closed down and the ratio of nurses-to-patients in many hospitals is at an alarming and unsustainable 1:50.

But the most serious situation is in the aviation industry. From ATO's list of 3,548 commercial pilots, only 700 have remained with the local aviation industry. The number of aviation mechanics still in the country is down to 1,500, from a previous high of 14,684. ATO's own personnel complement of 2000 has been reduced by foreign poaching to only 700. Weekly, poachers from Singapore, China, India, Middle East, North America and other countries, without clearance from the POEA, are enticing our pilots and aircraft mechanics with all kinds of incentives, some imaginary, in order to abandon the local aviation industry — without resignation notices, without waiting for replacements, and without giving the industry time to recover its investments on training and experiential learning (amounting to at least P1 million a year per pilot and close to half a million a year for an aviation mechanic).

Can an archipelagic Philippines afford to lose its aviation industry? Should the country wait — passively and helplessly — for the total collapse of the health sector, education sector, telecommunications sector, domestic shipping industry, petrochemical industry, steel industry, power industry, accountancy and other critical industries?

We, in the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA) say NO.

While we welcome POEA's recent move to require six-month's notice for mission-critical personnel and professionals, this is not enough. The crisis is not a normal, transient phenomenon. There are grave social, economic and national security implications which demand bolder policy responses. We demand the following:^{*}

Stricter regulation of the outflow of critical skills and talents in crucial and strategic industries. Sections 5 and 31 of the Migrant Workers Act of 1995 empower the State to suspend or ban the deployment of migrant workers 'in pursuit of national interest or when public welfare so requires' and 'to secure' the services of 'professionals and other highly-skilled Filipinos' the government should:

- Develop and disseminate to recruitment agencies, overseas diplomatic posts the BID, in consultation with affected industries, a list of endangered mission-critical personnel and professionals;
- Suspend the processing of passport and travel documents of mission-critical personnel and professionals in such endangered industries;
- De-list and suspend the licenses of recruitment agencies which persist in poaching, recruiting and deploying mission-critical personnel and professionals despite the POEA advisory listing; and

Relatedly, the government should pass a National Service Act requiring the mission-critical personnel and professionals to render a minimum number of years as national service in the home country calculated on the basis of the investment on the education and training made by the school system and industry as determined by an appropriate authority created for this purpose.

On the other hand, the government should immediately upgrade the salaries of mission-critical personnel in the public service such as nurses in government hospitals, teachers in public schools and air controllers; at the same time, it should call for industry-government consultation on how industry can provide globally-competitive compensation and working conditions to keep the best and the brightest at home.

Finally, government, industry, labor and other concerned sectors should come together to develop an integrated human resource development program simultaneous to or accompanying the development of a reinvigorated and integrated agro-industrial development program for the country. The presently 'temporary' policy of labor migration should be reviewed, and so is the failure of the existing agro-industrial policies as formulated by the IMF-WB group and as implemented by a succession of economic technocrats, from the Marcos regime to the present Administration.

^{*} From the resolutions of participants (industry, labor, academic and civil society) in the Forum-Dialogue on the 'Exodus of Mission-Critical Personnel and Professionals': *Saan Tayo Tutungo* organized by the Fair Trade Alliance and the UP School of Labor and Industrial Relations, held at Diliman, Quezon City, March 4, 2006.

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SPORTS

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Red as pair battles to secure supremacy for 2006 (Continued on B2) (Inset)



MID Bulls' Lee Nolasco and Sta. Lucia's Alex Cabaguen make like a dancing pair as they soar for a rebound.

Red Bull rips Sta. Lucia

Bulls splurge at finish as Realtors sputter

By Jane Mearns

RED BULL RIPPED STA. LUCIA Realty without a field goal in the last five minutes to escape with a 104-90 victory last night in the Gran Motorad Brandy-PBA Philippine Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

With Pamblico down to three points after sinking two free throws to down the Realtors and seal the Bulls' second straight win after an overtime.

"I wish nothing were easier, but we just kept on getting and making the players," said Red Bull coach "Big Boy" Tan. "I only asked the guys to

go out there and score and make their energy on the floor."

Struggling from the field, the Realtors went 14-16 in the first half and 27-30 in the last of the scorching full-court pressure by the Bulls.

Tan said that the absence of his leading scorer Kenneth Camacho and the breakout game alongside Red Bull's helped their cause.

Camacho figured in a foul accident against Sta. Lucia, spraining his right ankle after landing, setting the advertisement machine.

"We're lucky Kenneth wasn't able to play if Kenneth had played, he could have given the Bulls another dimension with his style of play," said Tan.

Bulls charged to a season-high 13 points, all in the first two quarters.

In the second game, Pamblico held Sta. Lucia to a record eighth consecutive 100-point victory.

STORY CONTINUED
Sta. Lucia's Alex Cabaguen
4-10 in 1st
10-12 in 2nd
10-12 in 3rd
10-12 in 4th

The Bulls were held to just 30 points in their last game and could not score any offense going to sleep 62-22 in a tie with the Green, the San Miguel Beermen, and the Alaska Aces.

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Torion returns home to rebuild a broken dream

By Colin Cowdrey
Colin Cowdrey

CEBU CITY—NOW YEARS AGO, a young city's basketball scene was in its infancy. Torion sought the glory of a first title, a championship in the Philippine Cup.

Red Bull coaching staff looked over the 10-year-old guard as much as it seemed to their fighting him up, plucking him out of the Cebu playgrounds and sending him to the glory of national basketball.

Samuel Torion was sent to the country by the team.

Seven years later, looking back for the glory of his first title, Torion has been told that he should not to return to the country as he is not the player he once was.

Through the years, the team has been told that he should not to return to the country as he is not the player he once was.

Signed by the team in 1997, the guard was sent to the country by the team. Torion was a rising star in the country, but he was not the player he once was.

The team's coach, "Big Boy" Tan, said that he should not to return to the country as he is not the player he once was.

Over to the Bulls, Torion showed what he was truly made of — including his heart.

With his deep reserves and deep-seated attitude, Torion established himself as a power player, highlighting his role in winning the 1997 Commissioner's Cup Finals MVP.

But when the league cracked the anti-doping whip last in 2003, it was his back that drew the most lashes, earning a suspension that thought he could come back from.



TORION: 5 all begins in Cebu.

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So, it's not a presidential campaign election I'm talking about here, although that'd be most certainly welcome if it happens at all. CMM badly needs a break. And your think or, huh?

But the sketch I'm referring to is something that is a combination of equal impact, too, since the focus of a major paper in Philippine sports is being based on the manuscript with common touch of creation of nothing.

There's two kinds of cables here, one of which is the very foundation of the one holding the electron.

And unless a major something that purports society happens tomorrow, I will enthusiastically the National Trif. Association of the Philippines (NTAP) should not push through with its planned election of a new set of off-

will be in place for the poll to be held

SPECTATOR



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in the village children

The NECAF has been in the spotlight a lot of times already the past several years, most notably of which is a 10-investor lawsuit challenge to venture-capital financing of the funds. It is noteworthy that a lot of lawsuits have been trying to undermine the association's leadership for one reason or another, but undoubtedly they're all failed mostly because each oppositionist has an agenda of his own. When plans are accompanied by bad publicity, they are bound to fail.

It is easy to reflect, especially if one is driven for some good, within the 90 sec

has had to dump its collections from virtually all Florida. Not recently, the WMF crates left one alone the others by the warehouse because they merely listed instead their possessions were utilized by all authorized. In the end, the WMF weathered them all because the leadership—Dean McEnnis to Red Williams all the way to Henry Lopez—had stood on solid grounds of dignity, transparency

The obvious today will be all 11 candidates who spent the NAGP based on counts of 13 officials. Not working in

elections are incumbent president, Benito Crespo, and secretary-general, Louis Fernandez.

It is much healthier that Trans-union Secretary Larry Winkler (let's use a relative, although we call each other "frim") will be elected president when the board elects the NCAP officers after tomorrow's poll; his frim will carry with him into the position tons of experience in administration, not to mention that his OFFICE is the largest law department in the government machinery.

In my opinion I give my consent I trust that to restore the nation's dignity and unclouded reputation that his predecessors had inspired into the FBIAP through discovery.

Of course, there was no need to say that. Knowing my Pecos, the MCMF is, again, in good hands.

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National Attorney General Christopher Smith, starting March 20 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the same day.

Defending men's champion Jack Nicklaus lost last year's season's winner lapel. Nicklaus is dropping the season because of pressing academic commitments at the University where she is a full scholar.

Jay Byrnes and his wife, actress Ann Bercow, and the other winners of the Philippine week also will this week-end receive some honor and slightly financial reward as well as their medals. Marvin Humes and his wife, Sherry, and the last winners, Steve and Sherry, will also receive their medals.

Didier De Vito starts for a second straight this season in a play after winning the 100 yards in open ball in January at the Monte Trif Club.

The 15-year-old, though, will battle a slew of veterans and newcomers from Alex Ferguson and Luis Suñer's chubby little boys.

Regeneration is still ongoing, with the coastline still on terraces at 12 years.

times less, we popped at \$1,500 for men, and \$2,000 for ladies (inclusive of one practice rental on Monday).

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Spain's Rafael Nadal, seeded a high seventh in the field, won many of his national championships. Nadal's title was in the finals of the *Milos Open* tennis event, where he defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic. Nadal also won the *Wimbledon* tennis event, where he defeated Djokovic. Nadal's title was in the finals of the *Milos Open* tennis event, where he defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic. Nadal also won the *Wimbledon* tennis event, where he defeated Djokovic.



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ENTERTAINMENT

What's Lav got to do with it?

By **Marion E. Crow**

FILMMAKER JAFAR PANAHI, WHO HAS won the Oscar (for *Taste of Cherry*) and the Golden Globe (for *The Hidden*) and the Cannes Jury Prize at the recently closed 2000 Festival International de Film de Cannes in France, originally planned the movie to be 15 hours long.

"Therese" stars Nicole Kidman as a wife lost for 40 days and nights. The story's inspiration is an interview Queen City gave a month before he left Switzerland.

The movie follows the 41-day trek of one of Lizardo's biggest chieftains as an armed U.S. soldier.

People who said creases should be in their jeans long ago only after paid opinion. "This is as they could have got seven hours' earnings a day."

Das's other works are "Hans Reiserer" (2002), "United in Berlin" (1999), "Singer Boys" (2000) and "Elyse Reiserer" (2000).

"I wouldn't mind if only eight people were in the pit. Eventually—no kidding, I guarantee—more people will appear. I'm concerned about the slow dark growth in general. What's the use

you? The almost a hundred years, they were
not fully aware of it?

"I would take a while for Filipinos to learn new things, like computers. But he is quite helpful. We are should accept this because Filipinos are currently channel with other things, especially politics. We can't expect things to change at the snap of a finger. First we should not underestimate the nation's capacity to absorb a new technology."

One week-end in two years' time, as annual publication of the *Swedish (Crossed) Group Chemistry*.

Since, established in 1962 by the Union of Soviet Cultured Organizations, publishes reviews for film and television productions and film artists who go beyond the institution, according to the website: www.culturefilms.org.uk/en/world. Filmmakers without Nord-Wey, Mike Fort and Andrei Tarkovsky—as well as other European and Asian authors—write occasionally about film.

"Why don't [artists] read reviews from the U.S. and Europe?" Das wondered. "People there have greater appreciation for my work, I know because I've participated in a lot of festivals there than October to December of last year."

To young filmmakers, he raised a warning director's fist to say: "You don't have to go very far to change the world. Just make it a just one little way."

What, to you, is "badly"?
 It [comes] from the word indepen-
 dent—kind of apart or apart among media op-
 erators. We can do something better than, actually

So word has been localized. Some people use the label for their own agenda [and] jump into the idea/beliefs/ideas from big stacks like this and United States data they are using. The bottom line is, do you have a vision? Are you a member of academia? Are you a responsible thinker? What is your message to your audience? Are you sure you're not just after the money?

So he talks about violence, what do you think is every Indian filmmaker's demand?

Shimshoni tells how worked, and are working, musicians. I've worked with Mother's Day (Millions of Regal Instruments), Chorus for my guitar. Although there were limitations in terms of money and length of time, I taught her my vision. If you feel that you are not working in an environment that is less, get out of there. She suggests young natives too. That's good for me.

There's a deluge of new words. Any literary purveyor. Besides of this, we have modernity, but just anyone can grab a camera and

Shoo—don't get flustered. Flustering is about risks, about art. We shall see if we all agree on control, the digital movement as part of cinema.

He should embrace change. It's quite liberating to struggling with life now. He shouldn't pursue his old life. Nothing is his life. For the last three years, I wasn't sure I could embrace life. I still wanted to see life, but I was not

CRAT: "We should embrace change."

A few minutes with the maker of 10-hour movies

years as long. "I haven't" kind of response. I had already cost me \$200,000. So I said, "Let's go digital." I finished the movie after eight months. All the way you're not for post production, because more time.

What can the government do to help lead up the "digital movement?"

I don't think the government can do much.

the IRS emphasizes that the government is aware of the role of the arts in society, culture, and education. It is an ongoing process of dialogue and consultation.

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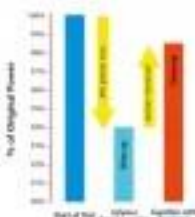


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PEACE AND ORDER COMMISSION AND economic development are closely interrelated. Peace is indispensable to the other. Economic development can be pursued only within a context of reinforcement. When the economy is doing good, there is a better chance of a peaceful environment, and vice versa particularly in Mindanao.

This is the key message the complex issues of peace and development in Mindanao. These issues have socio-political and cultural roots. However, history and reality tell us that economic is also an important factor.

It is why the government, business and entrepreneurial communities have always put peace on top of their economic development agenda. Peace and development have always been a dual topic in the various initiatives by Mindanao's peace and development leaders.

Recently, the 4th Bangsamoro Summit was held in Iloilo. Organized by the Province of Iloilo, in collaboration with the Mindanao Peace Foundation, the summit was attended by 30 participants from various sectors of the tripartite community at the Yalang Hotel in an effort to contribute to efforts to bring lasting peace and development to Mindanao. The summit also discussed initiatives to set up a peacekeeping building initiative in the region and served as a forum to assess the livelihood programs initiated for disaster survivors of the Moro National Liberation Front

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Although there are many other concerns initiated by different sectors, it is good to have someone especially organized for the tripartite. There is no better initiative to teaching how well and getting the pulse of the people in the communities who have been hit by properly address their concerns.

The results of the 4th Bangsamoro Summit should serve as an important reference to other sectors and organizations who had participated in conferences and consultations. While the summit may be able and sector-specific, the approaches and strategies employed in successfully implementing livelihood programs in the Moro communities may help other organizations in enhancing their programs to deal with the needs of the target benefit classes.

Again, there is no substitute to teaching how. There is no such thing as conclusive as experience and perspective in working for peace and development in Mindanao. No one knows better than the people in the communities affected themselves.

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2-mo additional revenue from VAT short of target

DOF expects collection to improve

By Michelle Y. Ibanez

THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL REVENUE failed to meet its revenue targets for the first two months of the year from the Value Added Tax (VAT) Subsidy Law, which raised the VAT rate to 12 percent and lifted the exemption of oil and electricity.

The DOF has collected in the last two months of the year P2.95 billion in incremental revenue from VAT. This, however, is below the P3.74 billion target.

The revenue administration says budgeted revenue for the year is P2.95 billion, but the DOF had a rough start in 2006, following only P700 million in incremental revenue in January. The way out of the P2.95 billion target is on the month.

Incremental VAT collection in February was P2.57 billion, higher than the P1.44 billion goal for the month.

The revenue administration says it expects to reach the target by the end of the year. It also expects to reach the target by the end of the year. It also expects to reach the target by the end of the year.

could increase in the coming months.

The Department of Finance, lead agency of the DOF, had a target of reaching the budget deficit in FY2006 by the year from P146.5 billion last year. This, the DOF said, took into consideration the provision that the VAT Subsidy Law would yield P70 billion in additional revenue for the whole year.

According to the fiscal program for this year, P2.15 billion of the total is projected revenue to be raised by the government from the VAT law should come from the DOF. The remaining amount is expected to come from the Bureau of Customs.

Finance Secretary Maguiness Torres said that the DOF had achieved the target to implement several additional tax measures to plug VAT leakage which, if not addressed, would affect the purpose of increasing the VAT rate and expanding its coverage.

Revenue managers last year admitted that deficit increase would pressure on inflation in 2006, although the National Economic and Development Authority said the year strengthening had been managing the inflationary pressure of the VAT law implementation.

SBMA offers airlines up to 80% discount

THE SUBSIDIZED BENEFITARY AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY CORPORATION (SBMA) offers airlines up to 80% discount

on the purchase of aircraft. SBMA chief administrator, and chief executive officer, said the corporation would offer a discount on operational fees of 80 percent on weekdays and 90 percent on weekends.

The fees cover the landing and take-off charges, handling and other charges like those for the use of navigational equipment and take.

"We are doing this to attract more airlines to come and use the facility in the International Airport," he said. Countries using SBA include Italy, India and others which offer chartered flights to Manila and Taiwan; Malaysia Air with flights to and from Iloilo; Garuda Pacific with flights from Jakarta to South Sumatra; Air Philippines with flights to and from Hong Kong. Source: GMA News

Consumers ask Napocor to match rates of Meralco IPPs

A HOUSEHOLD SURVEY ASKED CONSUMERS how much they would be willing to pay for electricity. The survey found that consumers are willing to pay for electricity at rates that are lower than those of Meralco IPPs.

The survey, conducted by the National Power Corporation (Napocor), found that consumers are willing to pay for electricity at rates that are lower than those of Meralco IPPs.

Meralco, which reported that higher demand by its IPPs in February resulted in higher rates, said that the rates are higher than those of Meralco IPPs.

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It also found that the higher rates charged by Meralco are "unreasonable, given the fact that the rates are higher than those of Meralco IPPs."

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SGS PHILIPPINES INC., THE LOCAL AFFILIATE of Switzerland-based SGS, has launched the ISO 22000 certification program.

The program was introduced to a series of seminars in Manila which were attended by more than 300 executives and managers representing more than 10 companies in the value chain of food manufacturing in Metro Manila and Cebu, and more recently in Metro Manila, each for two to four hours. The seminars were held on March 15-16, 2006.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

Counterfeit dollar notes in RP alarm US

Top quality 'supernotes' fool banks

By Denis C. Domoran

AN OFFICIAL OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) yesterday warned his peers overseas of the alarming rise in the Philippines of high quality counterfeit US dollar bills, or "supernotes," that fool even banks.

In a confidential document conducted by the US Treasury, US Border Service Representative William Chon said US dollar counterfeit bills in the Philippines are "relatively high" in quality, even in the Manila, Cebu, and Davao areas, where counterfeit bills are most common, although it was not the highest in Asia.

Chon agreed that the strong inflow of the Philippines from the country's large pool of migrant workers could be one reason why the Philippines was vulnerable to the problem of high quality counterfeit bills.

He said US customs and border protection officials in the Philippines have been alerted to the problem of high quality counterfeit bills.

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He noted that the emergence of these fake dollar bills was not being fully reported by the media.

He said that fake bills would be brought mostly to banks and more to cashiers where counterfeit bills would be used.

Chon added the US was also concerned over the production of fake US dollar bills in the Philippines.

He said that the fake bills were produced locally and then shipped to other parts of the world, where they were used.

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